

**REMARKS**

Claims 8-10 and 23-25 have been canceled herein, and claims 27 and 28 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11-20, 27 and 28 remain pending in the above-identified application.

Applicant acknowledges the allowability of all pending claims.

**Conclusion**

As it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, a favorable action and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner desires, Applicant welcomes a telephone interview to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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